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1. HIGHLIGHTS. FRIDAY PAPERS FEATURE PORTUGUESE COUP;

NYTIMES ADDS INSIDE WASHINGTON AIDES EXPECT LISBON TO KEEP NATO TIE; PAPERS REPORT US-BONN ACCORD ON TROOPS; AP REPORTS KISSINGER TO MEET GROMYKO SUNDAY FOR NUCLEAR TALKS; BALTSUN REPORTS KENNEDY ASKS CLOSER COOPERATION WITH SOVIETS; NYTIMES ADDS KENNEDY STILL FAVORS JACKSON AMENDMENT TO TRADE BILL; WASHPOST FRONTPAGES SOVIET RADAR SATELLITES TRACK SHIPS AROUND GLOBE. COMMENT SCATTERED.

1A. THURSDAY INSIDE STORIES INCLUDED: HOUSE VOTES FUNDS FOR ACDA FOR ONE YEAR; SCHLESINGER PLANS TO REDUCE NUCLEAR STOCKPILES IN EUROPE; ALSO EAST-WEST SUMMIT NOW ANTICIPATED AS CSCE RESUMES.

2. CSCE. WEDNESDAY LATIMES HAD GENEVA UPI REPORTING 35-NATION CONFERENCE RESUMED AFTER EASTER RECESS STILL FIRMLY INSISTING ON DEMANDS FOR SOVIET CONCESSIONS ON HUMAN FREEDOMS AS PART OF ANY OVERALL SETTLEMENT, A BRITISH DELEGATE SAYING: WE ARE HOPING WE CAN MAINTAIN THIS UNITED FRONT.

UPI SAYS AFTER RUSSIA REQUESTED CONFERENCE AND RECOGNITION OF EXISTING POLITICAL FRONTIERS WEST SAID IT COULD AGREE ONLY ON TWO CONDITIONS: AN ALLOWANCE FOR PEACEFUL FRONTIER CHANGES BY MUTUAL CONSENT; CONCESSIONS BY COMMUNIST NATIONS PERMITTING GREATER FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT OF BOTH PEOPLE AND INFORMATION.

2A. THURSDAY WASHPOST HAD LOCAL STORY BY RICHARD RESTON OF LOS ANGELES TIMES SAYING DIPLOMATIC SOURCES DISCLOSED PROGRESS ON KEY EUROPEAN SECURITY ISSUES AND SAID THEY BELIEVE A JULY EAST-WEST SUMMIT IS NOW A DISTINCT POSSIBILITY. RESTON SAYS FOR NIXON CONFERENCE MIGHT BE CLIMAX OF A THREE-MONTH BLITZ OF INTERNATIONAL SUMMITRY, BUT 35-NATION SUMMIT DEPENDS ON CERTAIN SOVIET CONCESSIONS IN GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS. ACCORDING RESTON, THE POINT OF A SECURITY CONFERENCE TO APPROVE THE INVIOABILITY OF POSTWAR EUROPEAN BORDERS, TO BROADEN ECONOMIC COOPERATION, AND COMMIT EAST-WEST TO A WIDER EXCHANGE OF PEOPLE, IDEAS AND INFORMATION, AND DIPLOMATS AGREE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE ON FIRST TWO ITEMS. IF UNCLASSIFIED

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NIXON GOES TO HELSINKI, SAID RESTON, THERE IS STRONG PROBABILITY HE WILL MEET WITH NATO JUST BEFORE OR AFTER IT, AT TIME WHEN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MIGHT BE DEBATING AND DECIDING ON IMPEACHMENT.

3. BONN AGREEMENT. FRIDAY NYTIMES SPECIAL WASHINGTON REPORTS US AND WEST GERMANY SIGNED AGREEMENT YESTERDAY UNDER WHICH BONN WILL PROVIDE 2,218 BILLIONS TO OFFSET

COST OF MAINTAINING 197,000 US TROOPS IN GERMANY, AND WILL COVER PERIOD FROM JULY 1973 TO JULY 1975. IN ANNOUNCING AGREEMENT, STATE SAID PROSPECTS FOR OBTAINING BURDEN-SHARING CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER NATO PARTNERS WERE VERY GOOD. FRIDAY BALTIMORE BONN BUREAU REPORTS STATE ISSUED STATEMENT CALLING NEW AGREEMENT MAJOR COMPONENT OF NATO-WIDE EFFORT TO SHARE MORE EQUITABLY THE COMMON BURDEN OF ALLIANCE DEFENSE. SUN SAYS IT IS ESTIMATED US-GERMAN AGREEMENT WOULD OFFSET ROUGHLY HALF OF BALANCE OF PAYMENT COST TO MAINTAIN US TROOPS IN EUROPE.

4. SCHLESINGER. THURSDAY NYTIMES FINNEY REPORTED SCHLESINGER IS PLANNING ON REDUCING SIZEABLE STOCKPILE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN EUROPE AS WELL AS CUTTING BACK ON NUMBER OF ATOMIC-ARMED MISSILES AND PLANES KEPT ON ALERT. TO EUROPEAN ALLIES AND PENTAGON, ACCORDING TO ASSOCIATES, SCHLESINGER HAS BEGUN PRESSING VIEW THAT US HAS MORE NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN EUROPE THAN IT CAN EFFECTIVELY USE. SCHLESINGER IS ALSO KNOWN TO BELIEVE US ENCOURAGING

ATOMIC EXCHANGE BY KEEPING SO MANY PLANES AND MISSILES

ON NUCLEAR ALERT. SCHLESINGER EMPHASIS IS UPON TRYING TO PREVAIL UPON EUROPEAN ALLIES TO GET OVER RELIANCE UPON NUCLEAR CRUTCH PROVIDED BY US AND BUILD UP THEIR CONVENTIONAL CAPACITY, SAYS FINNEY.

5. COMMENT. APRIL 22 ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH HAD EDITORIAL REFERRING TO DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE AND FACT THAT NPT HAS PUT AN ENCOURAGING HALT TO PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR ARMS, ADDING JAPAN AND WEST GERMANY WILL SIGN THIS YEAR; BUT MEXICO'S GARCIA IS RIGHT IN REMINDING CONFERENCE OF GREAT INCREASE IN NUMBERS OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS UNCLASSIFIED

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IN US AND RUSSIA. THIS QUANTITATIVE JUMP, SAYS PAPER, HAS VASTLY COMPLICATED TASK OF ULTIMATELY CONTROLLING THESE WEAPONS, AND THERE IS EVERYTHING TO GAIN BY RESTRAINT, INCLUDING EXAMPLE FOR NON-NUCLEAR COUNTRIES TO FOLLOW IN THEIR OWN ARMS POLICIES.

5A. APRIL 22 CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR HAD EDITORIAL, DETENTE ON SOVIET TERMS, SAYING BIG OBSTRUCTION IN CSCE IS SOVIET RESISTANCE TO FREER MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE. ALSO IN VIENNA EAST-WEST GAP IS AS WIDE AS EVER AND KREMLIN IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE STALLING IN HOPE OF GETTING WHAT IT WANTS WITHOUT HAVING TO PAY FOR IT.

5B. THURSDAY WASHPOST EDITORIAL ON SALT SAID KISSINGER'S DESIRE TO EFFECT SOME TEMPORARY CONTROLS ON EACH SIDE'S

PROGRESS IS REASONABLE AND SOUND, AND KIND OF REDUCTION
AGREEMENT ADVOCATED BY JACKSON IS EQUALLY DESIRABLE; BUT
POST BELIEVES IT WILL BE EASIER TO NEGOTIATE ONCE SOME
SHORT-TERM, TIME-BUYING ACCORD TO LIMIT CONTINUING
EXPANSION OF EACH SIDE'S ARSENAL HAS BEEN REACHED.

5C. FRIDAY NYTIMES JAMES RESTON SAYS BOTH JACKSON
AND KISSINGER HAVE MERIT IN THEIR SALT VIEWS. RESTON
STRESSES HE FINDS IT ODD THAT KISSINGER, WHO HAS TALKED
TO CHOU EN-LAI, GOLDA MEIR AND SADAT, HAS NOT MANAGED TO
DO THE SAME WITH JACKSON, WHO IN THE END IS NOT LIKELY
TO REACH THE WHITE HOUSE BY ARGUING FOR A RETURN TO THE
CONFRONTATIONS OF THE COLD WAR. KISSINGER

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